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According to the provisions of article 2 of the same decree passengers coming from ports known to be infected are not allowed to enter France except by Panillac, St. Nazaire, Havre, and Dunkirk; they shall undergo examination for a period of eight days in the first two ports and four days in the two other; their baggage will also be disinfected.

Accept, etc.,

PATENOTRE.

HON. SECRETARY OF STATE.

#### INDIA.

*Plague in Bombay—Remarks on the official summary of deaths and births in the city of Bombay for the week ended February 9, 1897.*

BOMBAY, February 12, 1897.

SIR: The total number of deaths reported has increased from 1,645 for the previous week to 1,911 this week, and the population has been further reduced in consequence of the exodus which still continues. Business of all kinds has gone from bad to worse, and the situation is very serious in all its aspects.

Population according to census of 1891 .....	821, 764
Present population, for the purpose of this report, estimated at one-half the above .....	410, 882
Total number of deaths reported for the week .....	1, 911
Total number of deaths for corresponding week last year .....	514
Mean of the corresponding week previous five years .....	540
Allowing that one-half the population has left the city, the proportionate number of deaths based on the mean of the previous five years would be....	270
Number of deaths last week that may be attributed to plague .....	1, 641
Average per day from plague .....	234
Number of deaths from plague officially reported for week .....	745
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Average per day .....	107
Probable average number of deaths per day from plague reported as having died of other diseases .....	127
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Total per day .....	234
Officially reported death rate for last week per 1,000 .....	119. 65
Officially reported death rate for corresponding week last year .....	30. 94
Mean number of deaths reported for corresponding week previous five years...	32. 65
Actual death rate per 1,000 last week, based on one-half population as per last census .....	239. 30
Number of births reported last week .....	98
Number of births reported for corresponding week last year .....	266
Mean number of births reported for corresponding week previous five years...	294

S. COMFORT,  
United States Consul.

#### JAPAN.

*Smallpox at Hiogo and Osaka.*

HIOGO, JAPAN, January 21, 1897.

SIR: Confirming my dispatch No. 86, dated November 21, 1896, advising the Department of State of the prevalence of smallpox at Hiogo (Kobe) in epidemic form, I sincerely regret having to advise the Department of State that since the day of the dating of the dispatch above referred to the number of cases reported to me by the sanitary authorities of the prefecture as having been treated in the city of Hiogo (Kobe) are 870, of which 465 proved fatal. The number of cases reported in